

New skills development centre in Bredasdorp officially opens

28 July 2016 - The Minister of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), Dr Blade Nzimande fulfilled his promise when he opened the Anene Booysen Skills Development Centre in Bredasdorp, Western Cape.

The centre was built in honour of the late 17 year-old Anene Booysen who was found by security guards the morning after she had been gang-raped and disembowelled at a construction site where she worked building RDP houses.

The centre aims to provide access to occupational programmes and proper education to underserved communities in rural areas through excellent educational facilities for the community.

The project seeks to contribute to the reduction of high unemployment and poverty rates. It also seeks to uplift the lives of the local communities in and around Bredasdorp. 75 learners from the community of Bredasdorp have been recruited by the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) to do their practical training during the construction of the Skills Centre.

The centre was built as a result of a partnership with CETA, Boland Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) College and the Cape Agulhas Municipality.

PHOTOGRAPH: Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande and Mayor of Cape Agulhas Municipality, Mr Alderman Richard Mitchell at the centre's official opening